



News Briefs

RMTP ceremony buses

Privately-owned vehicle parking for wing members on the ramp for the Rhein-Main Transition Program Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be available today. All wing members are encouraged to attend. Bus transportation will also be available for those who opt not to drive. There are three pick up locations on Spangdahlem AB: the chapel, the commissary and Hangar 1. The buses will begin running at 1:15 p.m. and the last buses will leave the pick up points by 1:45 p.m. One bus will depart the Bitburg Annex Hospital emergency room entrance at 1:20 p.m. Immediately following the ceremony, the buses will return members to the original four pick up points.

Watch charity organizations

There are many organizations in place to facilitate disaster relief efforts, coordinate donations and offer people a chance to help. In like manner, there are opportunists making efforts to take advantage of the military community's generosity. People who find Web sites or receive e-mail regarding hurricane relief organizations should ensure the information is legitimate. Remember that bona fide organizations will rarely send unsolicited e-mail or request personal or financial information. To donate to specific charities via the Internet, do so directly to well-known organizations. People can call the American Red Cross at 452-9440 or contact the Spangdahlem AB or Bitburg Annex Community Banks or Service Credit Unions for donation information.

Ground safety closure

Effective today, the 52nd FW Ground Safety Office now closes each Friday from 1-4:30 p.m. for training. The office will be available for emergency cases only. Call Tech. Sgt. Theresa Lex at 452-7233 for details.

BMSS closure

The Base Military Service Station will close Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. and re-open at 10:30 p.m. for end-of-year fiscal close out. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Todd Raymond at 452-6621.

ECAMP program

Monday through Friday, Spangdahlem AB will conduct an internal self-assessment of the environmental programs here and at select geographically-separated units. An internal assessment will be in accordance with the Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program. Compliance with the Department of Defense, U.S. Air Force and USAFE regulations and the German Final Governing Standards will be assessed. Some of ECAMP's objectives include identifying and ranking areas of risk to human health, safety and increasing awareness of environmental laws and regulations. The ECAMP outbrief takes place in the wing conference room Sept. 28 at noon. Call Shannon Duffy at 452-5125 for more information.

DFAS update

The Defense Finance and Accounting System produces a bi-monthly electronically-delivered newsletter with current information about the Savings Deposit Program, changes to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and tips for protection against identity theft. To subscribe to the newsletter, visit www.dod.mil/dfas and click on "Military Pay Newsletter" in the military pay section. Call the 52nd Comptroller Squadron customer service office at 452-6730 for details.

Back in the day

Take a look at the wing's evolving mission over five decades.

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Lt. Col. James Kirk

First on ramp

A C-17 Globemaster from the 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., returning from the central command area of responsibility, touches down here Tuesday. The C-17 was the first aircraft to use the wing's newly constructed dedicated airlift ramp, just one of the construction projects built at Spangdahlem as a part of the Rhein-Main Transition Program. The RMTP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for today at 2 p.m. The ceremony takes place on the new parking ramp near the new AMC facilities. All wing members are encouraged to attend. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in B-660, the new vehicle maintenance building, located along the new ramp.

Eifel Reunion weekend kicks off here

By Col. Dave Goldfein
52nd Fighter Wing commander

Fellow Sabers, today marks the long-awaited ribbon cutting of our new Air Mobility Command campus and the beginning of Eifel Reunion weekend -- our celebration of 52 years of German-American friendship here at the center of the universe.

It is important to reflect on the years of work accomplished by so many that got us to this day.

Five wing commanders, their staffs, untold number of contractors, engineers, and local community leaders have lived the Rhein-Main Transition Program every day since design began in 2000.

How appropriate that several Sabers have returned "home to the Eifel" to help celebrate this historic event. I look forward to seeing you this afternoon for the ceremony at 2 p.m. followed by happy hour at Club Eifel beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Come by and meet our returning Sabers and let's celebrate our proud heritage together. It truly is a great day to be a Saber in the Eifel!

Enjoy this letter from former 52nd Fighter Wing commander, retired Brig. Gen. Scott Van Cleef (July 1998 to March 2000) and thank you for your service and dedication.

I congratulate you and the entire wing and hope you have a terrific event. During my tenure, the Rhein-Main Initiative was signed and set into motion. I would love to see the results.



Retired Brig. Gen.
Scott Van Cleef

Our small slice of 52nd history included three notable events. The first was doing local operations while the runway was resurfaced. This proved to be a huge challenge. We managed to do it incident-free, but the sight of skid marks left by a landing F-16 a mere three feet from the end of the taxiway/runway (with no overrun) illustrated how close to the margin we were operating.

The second major event was Operation Allied Force. Not only did the wing do a great job in

deploying about 25 percent of its total manpower to Italy and other locations, but we also absorbed a squadron of F-117s at Spangdahlem Air Base and flew combat sorties with F-16s and F-117s from the base.

The 52nd Air Expeditionary Wing and deployed members of the 52nd FW performed in an exemplary manner and returned with all personnel and aircraft which had operated from five locations.

The final test during my tenure was the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Functional Management Inspection. Here, Team Eifel turned in another great performance and earned the first overall excellent rating awarded in the command in years.

Have a great celebration. Everyone there should continue to take great pride in who they are and what they do.

Air Force Birthday: Celebrating 58 Years of Legacy and Service

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) --

Fifty-eight years ago on Sept. 18, 1947, W. Stuart Symington was sworn in as the first Secretary of the Air Force; at that moment the Air Force became a distinct and separate U.S. military service. Just one year later, U. S. Air Forces in Europe would play a vital role in Operation Vittles, later known as the

Berlin Airlift, by airlifting more than 2.3 million tons of food, fuel and medical supplies to the blockaded city of Berlin.

Today, USAFE Airmen are engaged in a wide range of U.S. and NATO real-world contingencies and exercises across the globe. We are furthering democracy in places such as Iraq and the former Eastern Bloc nations as USAFE people engage in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, partnership for peace exercises, military-to-military con-

tact programs and other activities.

To all of the members of the Air Force -- Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, retired and families -- thank you for your dedication and commitment. Because of your effort and determination, we continue to be the most respected and feared air and space force in the world. We salute you for bringing your courage every day -- thanks for all you do!

The way we were

Sabers celebrate 52 years of host-nation friendship, constant readiness to project superior combat power

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Brown
52nd Fighter Wing Historian

Sabers, Barons and well-wishers the world over have acknowledged, and some have even returned to celebrate, the 52nd Fighter Wing's rich and expansive history dating back to the early 1950s.

In 1951, the French began the construction of Bitburg and Spangdahlem Air Bases, as well as Ramstein, Landstuhl, and Hahn Air Bases. The French contracted and designed these bases as a result of funds from war reparation payments.

But they never had a chance to occupy the bases, since following continued threats by the Soviet Union in Central Europe, NATO determined that U.S. Air Force troops and equipment within the U.S. Zone of

Occupation were located too close to the East German border. In 1952, USAF elements from Furstentfeldbruck Air Base arrived at Spangdahlem and Bitburg ABs and began to prepare for air operations. In May 1953, both bases were "officially" established. The construction of support facilities continued until 1956.

From the 1950's and beyond, Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex used several types of reconnaissance and fighter aircraft, predominantly jets. From the Cold War, to the Gulf War to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Spangdahlem AB continues to be the "workhorse" of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, providing formidable air power.

(Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd FW Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

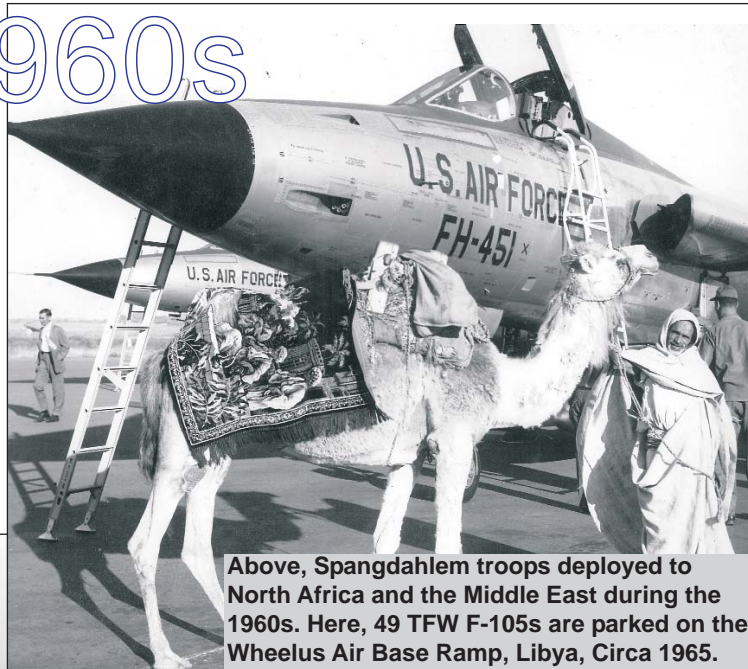


1950s

Construction workers build the foundations of the base.



1960s



Above, Spangdahlem troops deployed to North Africa and the Middle East during the 1960s. Here, 49 TFW F-105s are parked on the Wheelus Air Base Ramp, Libya, Circa 1965.

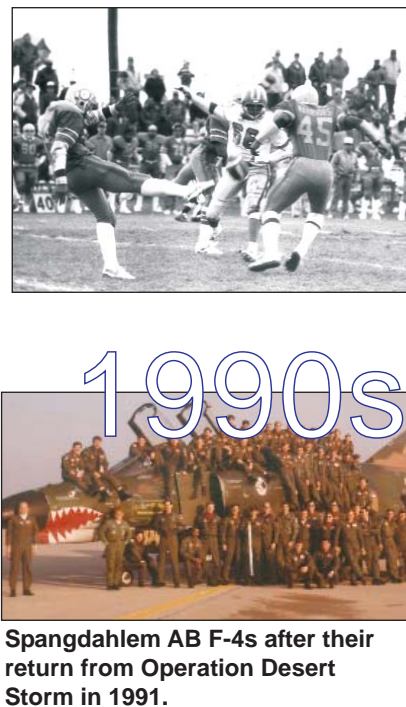


1970s

An F-4 waits during a barrier check Aug. 26 1977. The barrier check was necessary prior to the return of all 52nd Tactical Fighter Wing aircraft to Spangdahlem AB after a lengthy runway closure.



Today's *Eifel Times* family tree begins with the *Photogram*, Spangdahlem's first base newspaper, published for members of the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. The earliest copies of the publication were destroyed, so it is difficult to pinpoint the first date of publication. When the 10th TRW inactivated, the base's next paper was the *Forty-Niner*, published by the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing. When the 52nd Tactical Fighter Wing activated at Spangdahlem, the base had a new newspaper, the *Spangled Banner*, which started as one page of the already established *Bitburg Skyblazer*. Ironically, the *Bitburg Skyblazer* would become a one-page insert in the *Eifel Times*, when the 36th FW later inactivated. The name of the newspaper changed to the *Eifel Times* on Oct. 7, 1994 to reflect the change in the structure of the community it served.



Spangdahlem AB F-4s after their return from Operation Desert Storm in 1991.



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Performer

Name: Senior Airman Jonathan Oxner
Unit: 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit
Duty title: weapons load crew member
Hometown: Hot Springs, Ark.
Years in service: Three
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Airman Oxner is the two-man on the winning 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Sure Fire load crew. He competed with 10 other load crews and was named the best in USAFE.
Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Airman Oxner is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy watching and playing sports, hunting, and fishing.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I enjoy traveling throughout Europe with my family.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd like to see bingo offered at Club Eifel.



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Commander's Mentorship Program

Airman 1st Class Alisha Sewell, left, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, performs a respirator fit test on Staff Sgt. Cory Thompson, also of the 52nd AMDS, prior to his deployment, as Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander looks on. Last month, Airman Sewell demonstrated one aspect of her job to the colonel as part of the *Commander's Mentorship Program*. A Moberly, Mo., native with two years of military service under her belt, Airman Sewell cited her two-time selection as Airman of the Quarter and her recent marriage to an ammunitions troop as noteworthy events. Airman Sewell has been stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base for 18 months.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

It's "Cooley runnings" for Club Eifel's administrative office manager, **Shara Cooley**, who also doubles as the club catering manager. She's responsible for the timekeeping and payroll of more than 70 club employees, and quickly mastered all the catering and point-of-sales software to become a valuable member of the team. **Carol Sonnichsen** had the "drive" to organize the "Under the Weather Book Drive" in which 300 Sabers donated books to the chaplain at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Carol's husband, Steve, was hospitalized, so she figured others might also enjoy the book distribution during their recuperation. A moving salute to firedawgs **Tech. Sgt. Darryl Childs**, **Staff Sgts. Leslie Cascell** and **Lincoln Seals**, **Senior Airman Jared Martinez** and **Airmen 1st Class Matthew Campbell**, **Jason Mitchell**, **Jeffrey Saucy**, **Markeven Swenson** and **Brian Turner** for helping to move the Spangdahlem AB Airmen's Attic to its new location.

52nd Operations Group

The following folks get a high-flyin' salute for their very successful Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection last month: **Tech. Sgt. Raymond Jacobsen**, **Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bragg**, **Senior Airmen John Radovan** and **Roger Ledoux** and **Airman 1st Class Alicia Kennedy**. A special thanks goes to **Airman 1st Class Justin Cave**.

52nd Medical Group

Code salute! **1st Lt. Vicky Lynch** filled in on multiple emergency room shifts and seamlessly handled seriously ill and complicated patients. Suzie on cue ... **Capt. Suzie Thomas** happened to be in the emergency room on a day off when a critically ill child arrived. She was a key player in stabilizing, initiating treatment and securing appropriate aero-medical transport to another facility. Presto! **Staff Sgt. Michelle Preston** acted like an old hand at her new job -- she facilitated patient care and coordinated medical support during an emer-

gency. All hands were on deck at the Bitburg Annex Hospital, where providers, nurses and technicians all responded promptly with appropriate medical equipment. **Staff Sgt. Darryl Brooks** received well-deserved praise at multiple levels for the extraordinary coordination in returning two medical evaluation board patients to their home units by working diligently with Wilford Hall Medical Center. A salute "with honors" goes to **Senior Airman Giselle Rieschick**, who stepped up by joining the 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard team while putting the finishing touches on her Air Force Physician Assistant Program package. Take a "Bauza," Gina ... **Airman 1st Class Gina Bauza** was the stellar sponsor who provided a new airman basic transportation from Binsfeld to the Spangdahlem AB First Term Airmen's Center each morning and afternoon. Airman Bauza set the example by never having the new troop arrive late.

52nd Maintenance Group

Ed would ... **Staff Sgt. Edward Davis** stepped up as the dayshift floor supervisor coordinating completion of 24 pieces of scheduled and unscheduled maintenance in five days -- he led the four-man team through weapons inspections and work cards on phase A-10 aircraft. Sergeant Davis also leads the armament flight fitness program. **Airman 1st Class Anthony Noeson** is going through a "phase" ... and worthy of a salute for his part in the successful completion of 14 phase inspections, eight landing gear 1,600-hour changes and one accessory drive gearbox change. Off duty, he volunteers for Airmen Against Drunk Driving and coaches the Eifel youth tee-ball league. Absolutely "fab" ... the fabrication flight salutes both of their master sergeant selects, **Norman Hill** and **Karl Nicholson**.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Hometown Holiday Greetings time!

Military members and their families are invited to sign up for Hometown Holiday Greetings. Tapings will take place Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct 7 from 8-11 a.m. Appointments must be made to tape a holiday greeting and are set up on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. To schedule a holiday greeting tape time, call Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson at 452-6833.



Remember ...

- ♦ Military member must be in uniform.
- ♦ Family members can make a greeting if the military member is deployed, on temporary-duty status or otherwise unable to make it for a legitimate military purpose. (Being camera shy is not a legitimate purpose.)
- ♦ Participants are encouraged to bring an address book along so they don't draw a blank on their home address when it comes time to record.



Top Saber Team

Unit name: 81st Aircraft Maintenance Unit

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The team provides the 81st Fighter Squadron with the aircraft needed to be constantly ready to project superior combat power.

Number of members: Seven, not pictured is Senior Airman Stephan Mitchell
How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The team members are responsible for loading, safing and downloading 10 different types of air munitions. They load missiles, rockets, bullets and bombs on the OA-10 aircraft. They inspect, maintain, repair, modify, and install aircraft release, launch, suspension, monitoring and the GAU-8 30-millimeter gun system. These Sabers perform aircraft weapons release system functional checks, one-time inspections and associate on-equipment inspections. The team competed against 10 load crews in the 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Sure Fire loading competition last month and brought home the Sure Fire trophy for the best load crew in USAFE.

Saber joins world-class entertainment troupe; describes life in 'Tops In Blue' revue from road

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Air Force's premiere performing troupe, Tops In Blue, selected 30 "ambassadors" of music, vocals and dance to bring America's unique brand of culture and entertainment to the world.

This year, a Spangdahlem Air Base Airman joined the showcase, and will have visited more than 120 locations in the U.S. and 25 foreign countries by the end of the 2005 tour.

"When my commander told me I was selected for TIB, I felt like I was starting an exciting roller coaster ride," said Airman 1st Class Beverly Sadural, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron engineering assistant.

Upon hearing the news, Airman Sadural said the initial jitters concerning the fate of her car and her cat were soon replaced by the anticipation of working with a variety of other Air Force members committed to boosting servicemembers' morale.

"We are bringing a piece of home to wherever Air Force members and their families are stationed," Airman Sadural said. "This is especially true for our desert troops -- we give them a moment to forget where they are and lose themselves in the moment."

Airman Sadural said she often finds the general public is amazed that such a rich blend of musical talent is found within the profession of arms.

"Our audience is typically very proud that we can serve and represent our country in this way," the TIB vocalist said. "They seem more patriotic after seeing the show."

Airman Sadural's journey from civil engineer troop to member of a performance troupe is one of the latest chapters in a vision more than half a century old.

Tops In Blue was the brainchild of Col. Alvin E. Reilly, who in 1953 aimed to recognize the high caliber of entertainment available in the Air Force community.

Over the span of decades, Tops In Blue has performed in films, produced albums and has been featured on national television with such legends as Ed Sullivan, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Barbara Mandrell and Alabama. In 1981, the cast per-

formed the half-time show for the Garden State Bowl in New Jersey. With an estimated 110 million people watching worldwide, the cast presented the half-time entertainment show "The World of Children's Dreams" for Super Bowl XIX, Jan. 20, 1985.

Embarking on an adventure such as TIB takes the determination of a performer as well as the teamwork of the office they leave behind for the one-year commitment.

"My shop has been very supportive of my selection," Airman Sadural said. "Fortunately, around the time of the news, we'd just received three Airmen from technical school. Though they still needed further training, office space was limited, so my chance to represent the squadron, the wing and (U.S. Air Forces in Europe) solved the space problem and became a win-win situation.

One member of her office here said he couldn't be more proud of his friend and colleague, who he described as "diligent and quiet-natured." He recalled that her humility kept the depth and breadth of her talent somewhat obscured prior to her selection.

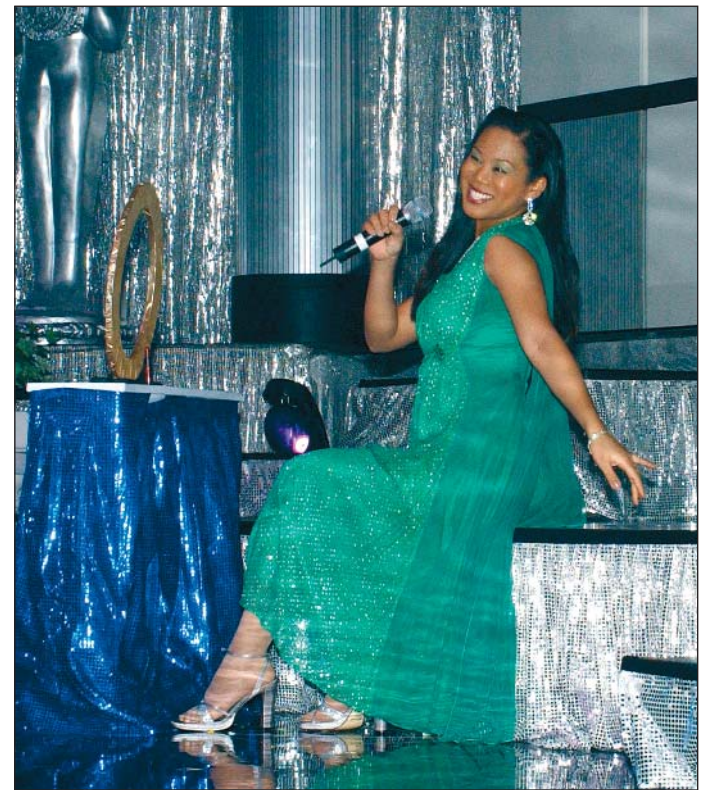
"I knew she was gifted when she sang the National Anthem at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where we met about a year ago," said Airman 1st Class Gregory Bault, 52nd CES engineering apprentice. "She was so humble about her skill that we didn't know all that she could do until after the TIB selection when she finally told us of her accomplishments."

Her dedication earned her the prestige that less than 2,000 other Airmen TIB performers have enjoyed over the past 50 years.

"Tops In Blue is the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase," said Tom Edwards, show producer and chief of Air Force Entertainment. "The new 2005 team is a reflection of the 'best of the best' performers throughout the Air Force."

This year's tour ends in less than a year, but Airman Bault said he has some pretty high hopes beyond the revue for his pal.

"It's evident by Beverly's success that a lot of hard work has gone into her already successful Air Force career, and we in the engineering flight expect even greater things to come --



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Beverly Sadural, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron engineering assistant and 2005 Tops In Blue team member, has performed at military bases and deployed locations across the world as part of the performing group, composed entirely of active duty Airmen selected from around the Air Force.

maybe she'll even become the first female chief master sergeant of the Air Force!"

For now, Airman Sadural said she's just thankful to see eager spectators and volunteers willing to assist in set up and breakdown of the stage.

To learn more about show locations, dates and times, visit www.topsinblue.com.

The free showcase rolls into Spangdahlem AB Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center.



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodier

In remembrance

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, Mr. Roger Graef, Bitburg-Pruem county commissioner, Dr. Michael Dietzsch, Host Nation Council chairperson, and Chief Master Sgt. Monte Malek, 52nd Mission Support Group chief enlisted manager, pay their respects after laying a wreath during the wing's Patriot's Day ceremony in Hangar 3 here recently. The wing held the ceremony, including Taps, a rifle salute, bagpipers, and sounding of the fireman's final alarm in commemoration of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and for those who have lost their lives fighting terrorism in the years after those attacks.

52nd CPTS Airmen pore over Saber books, closeout needs

By Capt. Mike Cumberworth
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

While most of us have the luxury to wait until December to take care of 2005's loose ends, some people's year-end tasks begin much earlier, require painstaking planning and include price tags in the millions.

The 42 members of the 52nd Comptroller Squadron are one such group, and every year they bear the weighty responsibility of balancing budgets and financial obligations across the wing before the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30.

"Simply put, it is like balancing your checkbook, except our bank account is roughly \$180 million," said Capt. Ted Wahoske, financial analysis flight commander.

The squadron coordinates the effort to account for every penny allocated for the fiscal year across a range of programs including government purchase cards, annual service contracts, civilian pay and the wing flying hour program. They take inputs and cross-check account information from everybody from work center resource managers to the wing commander.

"We still have about \$5.1 million in commitments that we cannot carry over to next year, our primary job is to make sure these commitments are still valid," said deputy financial analysis flight commander Derek Johnston. "We have appointed a team for closeout issues. What we are looking for is for everybody to scrub their outstanding documents (for financial commitments)."

Staff Sgt. Nate Gurwell is one of several Airmen in

the budgeting office who works with accounting liaisons to collect and certify requests for purchases from around the wing.

"During closeout the budget office receives several hundred requests, anywhere from 50-100 of which will get approved," Sergeant Gurwell said. The budget office works closely with the accounting liaison section to ensure proper, accurate requests.

"We work closely with unit resource advisors to determine what they need for their offices so we can better explain it up the chain if necessary," Sergeant Gurwell said.

"I like to tell folks that closeout starts on the first day of the fiscal year," Capt. Wahoske said. "To spend taxpayers' money wisely, you need to have a plan from day one ... most wing members do not notice the effects of closeout until August when the wing develops its year-end strategy to ensure its goals are met and paid for."

The Air Force has a rigid schedule for balancing and closing the books, much of which cannot start until September, Capt. Wahoske said. That gives the wing 30 days to balance, fully execute and close over 600 accounts. This is a daunting task requiring the support of everyone throughout the wing who touches 52nd FW money.

"We have fantastic support from the wing as a whole. The money spenders in this wing are mission focused; from senior leadership down to the government purchase card holders," the Capt. said. "It's the Saber team that makes it happen."

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Col. Dave Goldfein

September
Sortie
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	347	184	+22
23FS	343	146	-1
81FS	243	135	+30

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Combat Proud

The Quadfather encour-

By Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kromer
52nd Communications Squadron Commander

As the 52nd CS commander, I have responsibil-
ities that range from postal activities to network
modernization to flight line communications and
navigation maintenance.

Luckily I have a diverse, highly trained,
superbly motivated group of Airmen and civilians
that make this job a pleasure.

Lately though, I've been focusing on one of my
other duties on base, that of "The Quadfather."

Yes, I'm the guy who, with my dedicated cadre
of "quadsters," patrols the common area surround-
ed by Spangdahlem Air Base buildings 125
through 132 to ensure the area is clean and pre-
sentable to the Saber community.

It's not an easy task, but one we don't shy away
from either. It takes a constant vigil to keep the
dumpster enclosures cleaned, the dropped-off
refuse properly sorted and in their respective
dumpsters and the parking lot generally policed
for errant trash.

Our jobs would be a lot easier if the Saber
community would join us in our pride of this com-
mon area.

As strange as it seems, some customers seem to
think that simply getting their garbage bags into
the general vicinity of the dumpsters is "good
enough for government work." Their lack of care
is making a lot of additional work for others.

Here's some dumpster etiquette I'd like to share
and encourage others to share as well.

♦ Place trash bags inside the dumpster.

Garbage left in the rain and sun attracts vermin, is
unsightly and smells. The dumpsters are emptied
three times a week; Mondays, Wednesdays and
Fridays. If they are full, please store your bag out



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Kromer, 52nd Communications
Squadron commander and "The Dumpster
Don," strokes his cat, Casey, and makes you an
offer you can't "refuse." The Dumpster Don, an
ace in "the disposal business," is flanked by
his "quadster mob," Senior Airman Kathleen
Phillips, 52nd CS commander's executive, and
Master Sgt. Norman Correa, 52nd CS first ser-
geant. The bulk trash shown in the foreground
are items that wing members have left in or
around the dumpster area.

of the weather and in your own facility until there
is room.

♦ Keep dumpster lids closed at all times.

Otherwise, the dumpsters fill up with rain and crit-

ters can enjoy the smorgasbord. If the lids won't
close, the dumpster is full. Again, properly store
the refuse out of the weather until the dumpster is
emptied.

♦ Take recyclables other than cardboard to
the base recycling center. Only cardboard is col-
lected at the dumpsters. If you discard cardboard
boxes, break them down so they fit inside the
dumpster.

Contact the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron or
the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron for assis-
tance in transporting other bulky recyclables like
wood and furniture to the recycling center.

♦ Don't bring in your trash from off base. As
tempting as it is to want to save a few bucks, you
are actually violating the Uniform Code of
Military Justice for theft of services.

I'm proud of my base and I want others to see
that pride.

When I inspect a radio, the first place I check is
the very bottom in the furthest corner of the chas-
sis. If that's clean, I know the maintainer takes
pride in his work and is taking care of the rest as
well.

Our base is the same way. If our dumpster
areas are clean, tidy and properly used, that little
fact speaks volumes when it comes to judging how
well we're taking care of people, mission and fit-
ness.

I encourage all of you to also take ownership
and pride in our lovely base. It's truly a treasure,
and we are all very lucky to be part of this com-
munity.

Don't let neglect by the few spoil your enjoy-
ment of this rich assignment. Let's send the mes-
sage that Saber country is Combat Proud!

Spangdahlem History

(Editor's note: The following is an
excerpt of a letter that retired Maj.
Gen. Don Payne wrote to Col. Dave
Goldfein in response to Colonel
Goldfein's invitation to the Eifel
Reunion this weekend. During his
four years at Bitburg Air Base,
General Payne was the director of
operations and vice commander and
commander of the 36th Tactical
Fighter Wing from 1970 until 1972
when Spangdahlem was separated
and became the 52nd Tactical Fighter
Wing.)

To put my personal experience in
the Eifel into perspective, I arrived
there in the summer of 1970, fresh
from the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing
at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.

During my four years at Bitburg, I
was director of operations, vice com-
mander and commander of the 36th
TFW.

My first two years there, the 36th
TFW had both Bitburg and Spang-
dahlem. We had three squadrons at
Bitburg, and two at Spangdahlem.

The 23rd and the 53rd TFS at
Bitburg were F-4 equipped NATO
strike squadrons. The 525th Tactical
Fighter Squadron was an air defense
F-4 unit. At Spang, we had one
NATO strike F-4 squadron and one
EB-66 electronic warfare squadron.
That changed in about 1972 when
Spangdahlem was separated and
became the 52nd TFW.

It was a tough go, I can tell you. It
was hard on the aircrews, mainte-
nance and weapons folks. The combi-
nation of the weather, lots of tempo-
rary duties, NATO tactical evalua-
tions, U.S. Air Forces in Europe In-
spector General and Operational
Readiness Inspections and weapons
training deployments made for a fair-
ly stressful life.

Despite it all, my assignment in
the Eifel was easily the best of my
career. I'd love to come back and see
how life is for everyone there now.

The 52nd FW is doing a great job
and I wish the Sabers all the best.

(Editor's note: The following is
an excerpt from the "living history
reflections" recorded for the base.
Ewald Stuckart, a paint shop
owner from Binsfeld wrote to Col.
Dave Goldfein regarding the Eifel
Reunion. Mr. Stuckart is a resident
who began working on base as a
young boy with his father, whose
painting business was awarded
contracts here in 1954. Ewald's
father later passed the business on
to him, and Ewald continues to
paint for the base.)

We finished painting Hangars 1
and 2 on the base. I and my family
are very close to Americans. The
base has done good things for the
region and most of the Binsfeld
residents feel this way.

Americans have been our
friends and that will never change.

I took over my father's business
and continue to paint on base.

My entire family visits the base
and we interact with our American
friends.



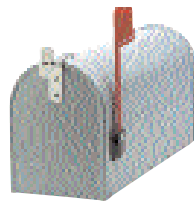
Iris Reiff

Ewald Stuckart poses for a
photo last month. The Stuckart
family has made many
friendships with Americans
stationed at Spangdahlem Air
Base over the years and looks
forward to many more
friendships to come.



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Humanitarian donations

Service Credit Union will match up to \$300,000 in donations for Hurricane Katrina humanitarian relief collected through Oct. 15. Make donations at local branch offices, by calling 1-800-936-7730 or e-mail www.servicecu.org.

SES mentoring

Spangdahlem Elementary School seeks volunteers for the Helping Elementary Learners Program, which begins in October. Volunteers will help students in grades 2-4 improve their oral and written communication skills by meeting one hour each week on either Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 12:50 p.m. or Thursday at 1:30 p.m. For details, call 452-6881 or e-mail barbara.triplett@eu.dodea.edu.

Case lot sales

The Spangdahlem AB Commissary case lot sale takes place Sept. 23-24 and on Bitburg Annex Sept. 24-25. The event features sale prices on single and bulk item purchases.

AFSA meeting

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1681 meets Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Spangdahlem AB pavilion, located behind the bowling center. The event features a free barbecue lunch and information about chapter activities.

DoDEA STOMP

The Department of Defense Education Activity offers STOMP, Specialized Training of Military Parents, Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Club Eifel. The two-day conference shares information on resources for parents of children with disabilities. Topics include communication strategies, TRICARE, federal laws regarding the education of students with disabilities and more. Call 06565-958238 or e-mail laura.butler@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

SSEMC news

A family bowling club outing takes place Sept. 24 from 2-6 p.m. in the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. For details, call 06561-947639 or e-mail bertke96@hotmail.com.

JAM! trip

E-3s and below travel to Oktoberfest Sept. 24. Cost is \$55. Pick up at building 125 at 1 a.m. and travel back to Spangdahlem AB at 6 p.m.

Bazaar shopping

Foggy Fields Bazaar is open Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Hangar 4. The event is open to all U.S. and NATO military ID card holders.

Volunteer awards

Volunteer of the quarter award packages are due Sept. 30 to the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center. E-mail tammy.kunz@spangdahlem.af.mil or call 452-9491 for more information.

Family programs

Family advocacy offers the following classes and programs. Call 452-8279 for details or to register.

- ♦ A class on caring for kids through divorce Monday from 1-3 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 161.
- ♦ A walking club meets each Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Spangdahlem AB housing building 409, and each Thursday at 9 a.m. at Bitburg Annex building 2012.
- ♦ Passport to Parenthood meets Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex building 2001.

Preschool playgroups

- ♦ Parents of preschoolers meet each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon temporarily at the Spangdahlem AB playground located across from building 409 or in building 139 during inclement weather. A playgroup also meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bitburg Annex building 2012 family room.
- ♦ Fathers of preschoolers are encouraged to bring their toddlers to a playgroup each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bitburg Annex building 2012 family room. Call 452-8279 to confirm meetings.

Child Find

Spangdahlem Elementary School holds Child Find screenings Sept. 23 for children ages 3-4 who are suspected of

having developmental delays in language, social, motor, cognitive and self-help skills. Screenings are for children whose parents reside on Spangdahlem AB or who are within the base feeder plan. Call 452-6881 for details.

WIC Overseas

The Women, Infants and Children Overseas Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2002, Room 209. WIC Overseas serves to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating and referrals to health care. Call 452-9093 for details.

Community Banks close

The Spangdahlem AB Community Bank branch is closed Sept. 26 through Sept. 27 at noon for the installation of a new teller system. The Bitburg Annex branch is closed Sept. 28 through Sept. 29 at noon for system installation. Also, managers request customer patience with the new system.

Volunteers needed

Coordinators of the Eifel Holiday Bazaar community fundraiser, which takes place Nov. 18-20, seek volunteers. E-mail iwanttovolunteer@hotmail.com for details.

FSC limited services

Spangdahlem AB Family Support Center services are limited due to building renovations. Walk-in FSC services are available Tuesday in building 131, room 211. The Bitburg Annex FSC and Loan Locker in building 2001 are open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday noon to 4:30 p.m.

Creative Critters

Creative Critters is a structured play group for children ages 18 months to 5 years. The play group meets each Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, building 2001. Activities include music, movement, and arts and crafts. For details, call Lynn Luria at 452-6422.

Kids for Christ ice cream social

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to the Kids for Christ ice cream social Sept. 26 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Chapel Annex.

KFC registration takes place through Oct. 17. For more information, e-mail karen.williams@spangdahlem.af.mil or call 06561-670451.



"Can we please go to FAMILY FUN NIGHT at Club Eifel this Thursday night?"

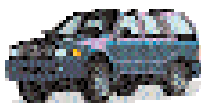
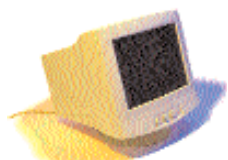
The menu features a kid-sized buffet and one especially for mom & dad! Enjoy an affordable evening out, let the kids play on the bouncy castle, listen to the DJ spin great tunes at the Kiddie Disco, along with our Kiddie Laser Light Show, and...there's no clean-up! **What could be better?**

Members -
\$6.95 (adult)
\$3.95 (children 6-12)

ALL kids 5 and under eat FREE!

**Thursday Night
Sept. 22nd
5-8 p.m. • Club Eifel**

This event is for Club Members only!



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated otherwise. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/-default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Cousins Bo and Luke Duke, with a little help from their cousin Daisy and Uncle Jesse, egg on the authorities of Hazzard County, Boss Hogg and Sheriff Coltrane.

High Tension (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Two worlds collide disastrously -- an intruder turns a group of girlfriends' innocent dreams into a relentless and bloody nightmare.

Saturday

Dukes of Hazzard (7 p.m.)

High Tension (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Fantastic Four (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

A group of astronauts gains superpowers after cosmic radiation exposure and must use them to oppose the plans of their enemy, Doctor Victor Von Doom.

Dukes of Hazzard (7 p.m.)

Monday

The Island (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A man goes on the run after he discovers that he is actually a "harvested being," and is being kept along with others in a utopian facility.

Tuesday

Dukes of Hazzard (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Stealth (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Deeply ensconced in a top-secret military program, pilots struggle to bring an artificial intelligence program under control ... before it initiates the next world war.

Dark Water (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

A mother and daughter, still wounded from a bitter custody dispute, hole up in a run-down apartment building. Adding further drama to their plight, they are targeted by the ghost of former resident.

Saturday

Dark Water (7 p.m.)

Stealth (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Rebound (PG, 7 p.m.)

An acclaimed college hoops coach is demoted to a junior varsity team after a public meltdown.

Stealth (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Stealth (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Rebound (7 p.m.)

Break out the lederhosen and beer steins!

World famous Bavarian party opens in Munich this weekend

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The most famous folk festival in the world, the Munich Oktober Festival opens Saturday.

The event on the Theresienwiese draws thousands of visitors and features an immense consumption of beer and white sausage.

Germany's annual Oktoberfests owe their heritage to an extravagant Bavarian wedding in 1810, which was open to the public and featured a horse race. The following year the festival was repeated and expanded to include agricultural exhibits to highlight Bavarian agriculture's impetus for development and improvement. Munich maintains its tradition with the 172nd festival this weekend through Oct. 2.

At the event, visitors can party in 14 various tents, the most popular one is the Hofbraeu-Festzelt tent that can seat 6,898 people inside, 3,022 outside and typically draws an international crowd. Events open at noon when band leaders encourage visitors to lock arms and sway back and forth to Bavarian tunes. Bavarian "Schmankerl" or traditional foods are most reasonably priced in the Hofbraeu-Festzelt tent, according to event organizers.

Another popular tent to stop in is the Hippodrom. This is where prominent people and pop stars often party. The Hippodrom tent is also known for its unique champagne bar, which is a well-



Iris Reiff

German visitors dressed in traditional Bavarian outfits toast to good company, drink and food at the Munich Oktoberfest.

known meeting point for single people. The tent can hold up to 3,200 people inside and 1,000 people outside.

Every tent has its own unique flair, but they all offer large-scale entertainment. Musicians, dressed in traditional lederhosen keep the party going. Vendors walk through the tents, selling huge salt pretzels, a typical Bavarian treat. At peak times, such as Saturday or Sunday evenings, waiters and waitresses have hard times keeping up with the large orders and food servings, sometimes carrying up to a dozen beer mugs in their hands at one time.

Entertainment and fun usually continues until about 11 p.m.

The tents are surrounded by rides from nostalgic children's carousels to Ferris

wheels or roller coasters. Games and food booths are just as popular as the sweets and candy stands. Lebkuchen cookie hearts are among the popular sweet treats and can be found in all sizes.

It takes about six hours to drive to Munich and people are encouraged make hotel reservations in advance. It's advisable to stay in a hotel on the outskirts of the city and take public transportation to the festival.

Out and About update

Stores will be open in Wittlich this Sunday from 1-6 p.m. A large-scale car exhibition will also take place in the Rommelsbach parking lot.



Photo courtesy of IAA Website

Volkswagen is only one of hundreds of automakers worldwide that will show off their latest models at the 61st International Motor Show in Frankfurt, which takes place Saturday through Sept. 25. Pure Fascination is the theme of the event featuring new and classic vehicles and motorbikes.

Auto show displays world's hottest wheels

By Brian Lindsey

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs volunteer

There is hardly anyone alive in the United States or the other 90 percent of the rest of the world who can say that they have never ridden in or seen a car. Most folks have a passing interest in them and some are downright ardent car-nuts.

Luckily for all, coming up this weekend is a chance to see the past, present and future of the automobile at the 61st International Motor Show, located just down the road in Frankfurt, Germany.

The show, which is held on the Frankfurt West "messe" grounds because it is about the only place around that can hold that many people and their own cars. There visitors can see virtually every car manufacturer in the world vying for attention. In addition to the cars themselves, many manufacturers of aftermarket parts will have displays. As if that is not enough many vintage cars, some with an authentic racing pedigree, will be viewable.

Some of the scheduled events include an orientation course

in passenger cars in Hall 9, an environment joyride in Hall F11/F12, a go-cart course in Hall F11/F12, Carrera racing in Hall 9, and a motorbike stunt show in Hall 9.

Food booths will be open, as will some interactive activities. For those who like to get free stuff, plastic bags are given out at some display sites to hold all the paraphernalia available.

Some display areas are very crowded, amazingly so at times, so don't bring in strollers or oversized bags. Do wear good walking shoes and comfortable, seasonal clothes as one will be covering a lot of ground if one is to see it all.

So whether your interest is in seeing the next year's models, the cars of the future, green cars, fast cars, expensive cars or exotic cars, the Frankfurt Auto Show is the place enthusiasts "auto be."

Event doors open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. To get there, drivers should take the Frankfurt West Messe exit and follow the IAA signs. Visit www.iaa.de where more information is available in English.

Wearing right footwear prevents PT pains

Stress the sneaker, not the body, say wing physical therapy experts

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

It may seem like a stretch to think that an Air Force career may depend on wearing the right pair of sneakers, but it can when injuries caused by wearing the wrong sneakers prevent an Airman from passing fitness tests. However, there is a class that can prevent physical training from becoming a real pain in the foot.

The 52nd Medical Group physical therapy unit offers shoe clinics that teach Team Eifel members how to choose the correct footwear based on foot types and exercise conditions. Instructors also show participants how to prevent ailments base therapists most commonly treat, such as shin splints, heel spurs, stress fractures, runner's knee and inflammation of the tendons.

Airman 1st Class Dawna Crain signed up for the class because her high arches have made finding a comfortable pair of shoes difficult. A one-on-one inspection of the Airman's foot type determined that cushioned shoes with special inserts would be her best option.

"Getting the right shoes is worth the research, time and money, especially because it can affect your life," said class instructor Senior Airman Jarrod Garceau, 52nd MDG physical therapist's assistant. "Getting the right shoes can also improve running time because they're comfortable and are designed to handle the conditions."

A simple way to figure out a foot type, is to do a wet test. Step on a brown paper bag with wet feet, then check out the shape of the arch. A normal arch indents about halfway into the left of the footprint, a high arch leaves almost no print in the center of the footprint, and a flat foot leaves a complete print from the foot's ball to heel.

Then determine the right shoe based on the foot type.

Motion-control shoes provide flat feet the rigid design they need; stability shoes offer the best blend of support for feet with normal arches; and cushioned shoes have the ideal shock absorption for high-arched feet. Detailed information about running sneakers, foot types and which shoes are best for specific exercise conditions can be found on free Websites by typing "finding the right running shoe" in a search engine.

Airman Garceau suggests that when people find shoes that work best for them, they should order a new pair every six months, then trash the old ones. Sneakers have a life expectancy with the cushioning and support in a good pair of sneakers lasting an average of 350 miles, he said. If a person runs or walks in the same pair of sneakers for 10 miles per week, the shoes are ready for replacement within nine months.

Course instructors also offer advice on how to stretch properly, treat minor exercise injuries and discuss the differences between various types of available exercise shoes.

The next shoe clinic takes place Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in the base health and wellness center. Call the HAWC at 452-4295 to register.

Sneaker tips and taboos

- ♦ Don't wash them in a machine. The extended soaking time and soap can break down the cushioning and support materials.

- ♦ There is no such thing as a "breaking in period." Sneakers should fit comfortably when first tried on. Also, try on shoes with the same kind of socks you'll wear with them and walk and jump around the fitting area in them to ensure they're comfortable.

- ♦ Research the sneaker before purchasing to ensure it's the right type of shoe for the foot.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Master Sgt. Dan Williams, right, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron wing deployment NCO, gets one-on-one fitness footwear guidance from Senior Airman Jarrod Garceau, 52nd Medical Group physical therapist's assistant, during the Sept. 8 shoe clinic in the health and wellness center. The next clinic takes place Thursday.

Sports Briefs

Track champs

Spangdahlem AB's intramural track and field team members Eric Long brought home the first-place medal in the long jump, Donald Watt took second place in the 1500-meter race, and Michael Fusaro nabbed sixth in the 200-meter race Sept. 4 at the Jubiläumsmeeing meet in Lippstadt, Germany. The team competes at the U.S. Forces Track and Field Meet in Hanau, Germany Sept. 24.

Hockey players wanted

Members of the Bitburg Bears ice hockey team play against a team from Geilenkirchen AB, Germany, at the 2004 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Ice Hockey Tournament in Garmisch, Germany, in February. The Bears need players for the upcoming season starting in October. The team is open to military, civilians and family members. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kamal Kaaoush at 452-6405.

Gym closed

The Spangdahlem AB fitness center gymnasium is closed Wednesday through Sept. 23 for Tops in Blue set-up and performance. The men's and women's VIP shower and locker rooms, racquetball courts, and aerobics and conference rooms will be closed Thursday through Sept. 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Dodge ball players wanted

People interested in playing in an intramural dodge ball league can attend a meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center conference room. The season is scheduled to begin Oct. 5.

Cross-country race

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe regional cross-country races take place Oct. 1 at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. U.S. ID card holders are qualified to compete in the 10-, 5- and 3-kilometer races in men's, women's, seniors, and youth categories. Call the RAF Mildenhall Fitness Center at DSN 238-2349 or e-mail venise.penny@mildenhall.af.mil for details or to register.

Aikido classes

Aikido classes take place at the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center each Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. Classes also take place in the Bitburg Annex gym each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:30-6 p.m.; but meeting time may change. Call the center at 452-6634 for details.

Personal trainers

Make a commitment to get in shape by hiring a personal trainer from the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. Rates start at \$35 an hour or people can pay \$25 per hour when

they purchase 10-session packages. For details, call Suzanne Mann at 06565-933682 or Anna Strickland at 0173-670-3841.

Go fishing

Outdoor Recreation offers the following fishing trips. Call 452-7170 for more information or to register.

- ♦ Baltic deep sea fishing, Oct. 1-2. Cost is \$140.

- ♦ North Sea fishing, weather permitting, Oct. 15. Cost is \$125.

Football volunteers wanted

The Bitburg High School Barons football team needs volunteers for upcoming home games Saturday, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15. Call coach Mike Laue at 452-9202 for details.

Martial arts

Kuk Sool Won classes take place each Monday and Wednesday from 6-8 p.m., and each Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. For details, call Sean Heard at 452-6193.

Tai Chi classes

The health and wellness center offers Tai Chi Quan classes each Monday and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. Tai Chi focuses on meditation in movement. For details, call Klaus van den Boom at 452-7233.



Archive photo by Staff Sgt. Herb Beasley

Holey Joe

On July 9, 1966, Howard Beasley scored the first hole-in-one on the new Eifel Mountain Golf Course. The Spangdahlem AB finance section senior NCO scored the ace with a six iron on the 130-yard first hole, reads the cutline information accompanying the photo featured on the July 15 edition of the base newspaper then titled, "The Forty Niner." The 52nd Fighter Wing celebrates the base's 52 years of heritage today at the Eifel Reunion.